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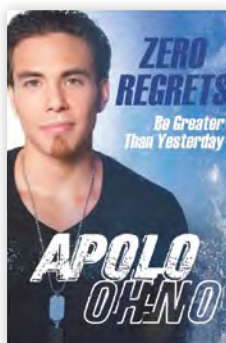
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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Law school, at its best, should be about training people. At UC Hastings, our goal is to ensure our graduates have the skills to serve as advocates and counselors, solving problems and leading. Through hands-on experiences, helping actual clients, our students learn by the most effective possible means—in the real world. Indeed, at the heart of my vision for a new paradigm of legal education is providing genuine skills. We're already making progress: Our Center for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution was ranked in the top 10 in the nation this year.

A UC Hastings Juris Doctor degree says to the world that the individual who holds it is ready. Our graduates have all the theory and critical thinking they need—and much more. They are able to cross-examine a witness, draft a will, negotiate a settlement and explain a proxy statement. This knowledge requires more than memorization of abstract doctrines. It demands the ability to apply book learning to concrete situations.

In this issue of *UC Hastings*, you will read success stories. The people associated with our clinical programs include faculty who mentor brilliantly, sharing their knowledge with a new generation. They include students who have had opportunities that some associates dream about: They have tried a case to verdict or closed a deal, leading the team. They also include the alumni superstars who remember with fondness what they were taught and who then use it daily to advance justice.

These are our traditions. We are proud of what we have accomplished. We are even more proud of what you have been able to do.

Sincerely,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'F. Wu'.

Frank H. Wu  
Chancellor & Dean



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## Dedication of New Appellate Law Center

The Justice Marvin and Jane Baxter Appellate Law Center was officially dedicated at UC Hastings on January 20, 2011. "This state-of-the-art facility will assist UC Hastings in delivering excellent appellate advocacy training to its students and should take to an even higher level its outstanding record of Moot Court achievements," says California Supreme Court Justice **Marvin Baxter '66**. "I look forward to national and international Moot Court competitions being conducted at this center."







## A GRATEFUL ALUM ESTABLISHES THE JILL SANT JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP

Though **Brian Johnson '80** graduated from UC Hastings more than 30 years ago, the accomplished attorney—who heads the litigation department of Strong & Hanni in Salt Lake City—can still relate to today's law students. From the profound impact that professors can have on a student's life to the way the first year "forever burns itself into your brain," as Johnson puts it, many things haven't changed.

But one salient difference between then and now is the cost of a legal education. While on sabbatical from practicing law, Johnson joined the law faculties of the University of Oklahoma and the University of Tulsa. As a professor, he saw firsthand the financial struggles that many law students face today.

"Many students incurred almost crushing debt to pursue their dreams," says Johnson. "I recollected how relatively inexpensive—and incredibly rewarding—my education at UC Hastings was. So I decided to help."

In September 2010, Johnson pledged a \$100,000 gift to UC Hastings to establish the Jill Sant Johnson Scholarship. Johnson named the scholarship after Jill Sant Johnson, whose hard work and support in large part made his graduation from law school possible. "Law school is competitive enough without outside distractions," Johnson says. "Here's hoping that some students' burdens are eased a little."

## Cy Pres Award Enables Public Service Dreams

It is easy for law school grads to get discouraged from pursuing public service careers. Many public service organizations don't have funds for attorneys, and the ones that do often pay modestly. That's why in 1997 UC Hastings created the **Ralph S. Abascal '68** Fellowship, which supports a recent grad's work with underserved communities. Now, a generous award allows UC Hastings to continue making these opportunities possible.

At the request of **Bruce L. Simon '80** of Pearson, Simon, Warshaw & Penny and Reed R. Kathrein of Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro, UC Hastings received a cy pres award of more than \$363,000 to support the fellowship. These funds will help UC Hastings grant the Abascal Fellowship on a yearly basis; it is currently bestowed biennially. The fellowship is named in honor of Ralph S. Abascal, a legal services lawyer who won landmark decisions in the 1970s on behalf of farm workers, welfare recipients and immigrants.

"The students who want to do public service are so passionate," says **Sari Zimmerman**, assistant dean for the Office of Career & Professional Development. "It's not an exaggeration to say that this award can make dreams come true."



Ralph S. Abascal '68



## NEW SCHOLARSHIP HONORS AWARD-WINNING PROFESSOR LEO MARTINEZ '78

All those who meet **Leo Martinez '78** instantly observe his keen intelligence, humility and passion for teaching. Thus, it is only fitting that he was recently honored for both his contributions to the legal community and his commitment to UC Hastings.

The Latino/a Law Professors Group bestowed Martinez with the annual Latino/a Law Professors Award during the Association of American Law Schools' annual meeting. Martinez was humbled by the accolade, saying, "While I know there are more deserving recipients, I also know that no one appreciates this more than I do."

In addition to this tremendous distinction, colleagues, former students and alumni created an endowed scholarship in Martinez's name, honoring him for all he has done for the law school.

Martinez has served many fundamental roles throughout his career—noted scholar, associate academic dean, academic dean, board member and the ever-challenging post of acting chancellor and dean.

Professor **Brian Gray** calls the scholarship "brilliant" in that it "will bestow upon a succession of lucky students the highest honor this institution can give: a scholarship that recognizes the person who most and best embodies UC Hastings—student, alumnus, teacher, scholar, dean, ambassador and all-around wonderful human being."

Chancellor and Dean **Frank H. Wu** adds that the scholarship "is a testament to the tremendous respect and affection that he inspires."





# The World Is Open to You

## UC Hastings graduates sworn into the California bar

On December 3, 2010, more than 100 UC Hastings graduates were admitted to the California bar. At the jam-packed swearing-in ceremony, speakers included Justice **Marvin Baxter '66**, justice of the California Supreme Court; Chief Judge Vaughn R. Walker of the U.S. District Court, Northern District; and Judge Carlos Bea of the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. Associate Justice **Betty Dawson '78** of the California Court of Appeal, Fifth District, delivered inspirational closing remarks to the newly minted attorneys. Following are excerpts from Justice Dawson's speech:

I don't intend to offer you any sage advice today. I just want to remind you of a few simple rules on how to conduct yourselves in a way that will promote the well-being of our shared profession.

First, always remember that you are working for a client. Whether you join a governmental agency, an NGO, a law firm or practice on your own, there will always be someone who will rely on you to guide him or her through a legal problem. They will not always be at their best. You will have to be patient and, whether they deserve it or not, treat your clients with respect. Always return your clients' calls, by the way. The single most frequent complaint about lawyers is that they don't.

Aside from clients, your other main audience will be judges. They will expect you to work hard,

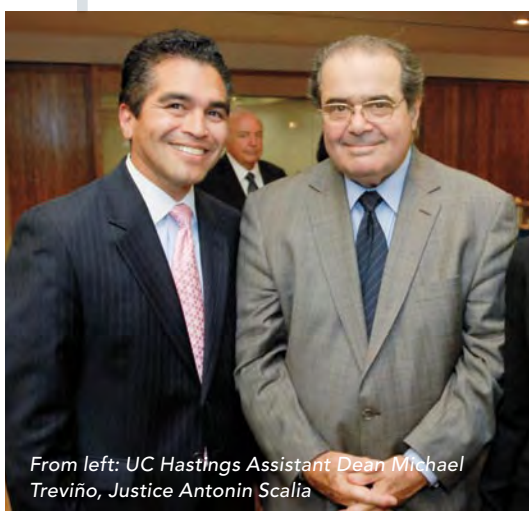
be prepared and above all be ethical. They might remember you if you do well and also if you do poorly. What they will never forget, though, is the attorney who does something unethical.

The unfortunate part about being a lawyer is that it is stressful. When you take a client's case, you take it for good or bad—kind of like getting married. So look before you leap!

On a happier note, by my measure, you have joined the best profession going. You will have the opportunity to change the world, if that is your inclination. If, on the other hand, you prefer it, you will have the opportunity to help individual people with relatively simple legal problems. The point is that the world is open to you. Be careful and have fun! Congratulations.

# BOLDFACE NAMES DISTINGUISH HASTINGS LECTURE SERIES

APPEARANCES BY JUSTICE **ANTONIN SCALIA** AND AUTHOR **SCOTT TUROW** MADE THE LEGALLY SPEAKING LECTURE SERIES THE HOTTEST TICKET ON CAMPUS



From left: UC Hastings Assistant Dean Michael Treviño, Justice Antonin Scalia



Scott Turow

UC Hastings' campus has been abuzz more than usual, thanks to recent visits from Justice **Antonin Scalia** and attorney and author **Scott Turow**. The luminaries spoke at the law school as part of the Legally Speaking lecture series.

Scalia, senior associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, gave students the opportunity of a lifetime when he visited UC Hastings. The longest-serving justice on the court, Scalia discussed his career, views on hot-button legal issues, including *Roe v. Wade*, and the past justice he most admires (FDR appointee Robert Jackson). A few lucky students even sat in on a lecture Scalia gave to an administrative law class.

Engaging in a wide-ranging question-and-answer session with Professor Calvin Massey, Scalia, who is often described as the intellectual anchor of the Supreme Court's conservative wing, spoke to an audience of 400-plus on the 24th anniversary of his unanimous Senate confirmation.

In addition to showcasing a member of the United States' highest court, the Legally Speaking series also highlighted an accomplished criminal defense attorney and *New York Times* best-selling author.

Scott Turow, a partner with SNR Denton and author of such top-selling legal thrillers as *Presumed Innocent*, *Burden of Proof* and *Innocent*, discussed his career as an assistant district attorney and private law practitioner and gave insight into some of the many titles he has written. Turow injected a bit of humor when he admitted, "When I applied to eight law schools in 1975, there was only one I didn't get into," confessing that UC Hastings was that school.

Legally Speaking features in-depth interviews with prominent lawyers, judges and academics and is jointly produced by UC Hastings and *California Lawyer*.

## ► WebExtra

To view the video of Justice Scalia's visit, go to [www.uchastings.edu/legally-speaking/scalia.html](http://www.uchastings.edu/legally-speaking/scalia.html).

# ALUMNI IN PUBLIC SERVICE

UC Hastings is proud of its graduates who serve the greater good



## Kamala Harris '89 Among Alumni Elected to Top Offices

**Kamala Harris '89** broke down barriers this past election season, becoming the first woman and first minority elected to the post of California attorney general. California's top cop impressed many heavy hitters in the process, including President Barack Obama, who dubbed Harris a "strong voice for Californians."

At her roots, Harris is a reformer, believing that lawmakers should attack the social problems that lead to crime in addition to prosecuting criminals. Deemed a "rising Democratic star" by the Associated Press, she has been part of California's political landscape for more than two decades, first as deputy district attorney general in Alameda County, and most recently as San Francisco's first female district attorney.

Much of her career has focused on fighting violent crime. As district

attorney, she increased conviction rates for serious and violent offenses, expanded services to victims of crime and their families, created new prosecution divisions focused on child assault, and launched innovative re-entry initiatives to prevent reoffending.

Harris is just one of many alumni who won elections this past November; in addition, U.S. Rep. **Jackie Speier '76** and San Francisco Public Defender **Jeff Adachi '85** were both re-elected to their posts.

Representing San Mateo County and part of San Francisco County, Speier sits on two committees, including the Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, in which she is the ranking member. Adachi has served as San Francisco's public defender for nearly a decade.

## James Cole '79 Appointed Deputy Attorney General

In January, **James Cole '79** was sworn in to the No. 2 position at the Department of Justice (DOJ), where he will work closely with Attorney General Eric Holder.

Cole brings a wealth of experience to the post, including 13 years of prior service at the DOJ, where he worked with Holder. Cole served first as a trial attorney in the Criminal Division and later as deputy chief of the division's Public Integrity Section. He entered private practice in 1992 and, in 1995, became a partner at Bryan Cave, specializing in white-collar defense. Cole

has also served as special counsel to the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct and has been active in the American Bar Association, having chaired the White-Collar Crime Committee and served as vice chair of the Criminal Justice Section.

"I've always thought that government work was the most interesting, when you do it right," Cole said, when he learned that he'd been nominated for the job. "You're there to do the right thing, not just advocate for a client. It's a wonderful luxury for a lawyer and allows you to do your best work."







Katherine Feinstein '84

### JUDGES RECOGNITION PROJECT IN THE WORKS

UC Hastings graduates have long dominated the California bench, with three times the number of alumni judges than any other law school. In recognition and to celebrate their successes, UC Hastings is embarking on a new Judges Recognition Project.

The project will entail compiling information about all of our judges within California and across the nation. The project will include the creation of a searchable online database and later integration with other projects, such as the California appellate judges oral history project and streaming video broadcasts.

UC Hastings plans soon to contact alumni by e-mail with more information about the Judges Recognition Project and the steps alumni can take to participate.

### ALUMNI NAMED TO CALIFORNIA JUDGESHIPS

The number continues to grow, as former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed seven UC Hastings alums during his last month in office.

The new alumni judges are **Jacqueline C. Jackson '95**, named to the Riverside County Superior Court; **Elizabeth Ufkes Olivera '85**, to the Colusa Superior Court; **Peter K. Ottenweller '80**, to the Sonoma County Superior Court; **Alexander R. Martinez '95**, to the San Bernardino County Superior Court; and **Donald J. Ayooob '81**, to the San Mateo Superior Court. The governor also appointed **Brad R. Hill '83** as presiding justice and **Donald R. Franson Jr. '78** as an associate justice for the Fifth District Court of Appeal.

In other judicial news, San Francisco Superior Court

Judge **Katherine Feinstein '84** has been elected to serve as the court's presiding judge. Appointed to the Superior Court in 2000 by former Gov. Gray Davis, Feinstein, the daughter of Sen. Dianne Feinstein, will serve a two-year term, which began in January.

Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge **Edward J. Davila '79** was confirmed to the federal bench, serving California's Northern District. The Senate approved his nomination with a sweeping 93-0 vote, giving the Bay Area's federal bench its first Latino member in 15 years.



# THE LAB TURNS FIVE

UC HASTINGS'  
INNOVATIVE LAW AND  
BIOSCIENCE PROJECT  
CONTINUES TO BUILD  
BRIDGES BETWEEN  
THE LAW AND SCIENCE  
COMMUNITIES

As the field of bioscience continues to evolve at breakneck speed, the legal issues it raises are often uncharted territory. For law students and legal scholars, this represents exciting new terrain, and the UC Hastings Law and Bioscience (LAB) Project stands at the forefront of critical thinking on this subject.

Created in 2006 by award-winning author and intellectual property law professor **Robin Feldman**, the innovative LAB Project has become a bustling forum of discussion and debate on some of bioscience law's most complex issues.

In just five years, the number of participants in the LAB Project and its impact on the bioscience community have increased exponentially. "The LAB Project now serves about 50 students a year, which represents a remarkable amount of growth for a young program," says Feldman. "The number of outside advisers has increased

tremendously as well, and our students can now work with lawyers at 14 law firms, seven life science companies and the technology transfer offices at UCSF and Stanford on cutting-edge projects in the fields of law and life sciences."

The LAB Project has become an invaluable resource for both law students and busy bioscience professionals with limited time to ponder thorny legal questions. They can access the LAB website to raise questions on topics such as intellectual property law, and students, faculty and other members of the bioscience community then participate in the lively—and often trailblazing—conversations. "The crown jewel in the LAB program is the peer-reviewed *Hastings Science and Technology Law Journal*," adds Feldman.

To learn more about the LAB Project, visit [www.labproject.org](http://www.labproject.org).



## SMALL-SCREEN PIONEER THE CW'S JOHN MAATTA EARNs UC HASTINGS' FIRST-EVER ENTERTAINMENT LAW AWARD

**John Maatta '77** has racked up an impressive number of firsts in his career. In 1993, he earned the distinction of being the WB television network's first employee; he was also on the ground floor of the CW television network, where he is chief operating officer today. In June 2010, Maatta added yet another first to his resume, becoming the premiere recipient of the UC Hastings Entertainment Law Award.

Fascinated by entertainment law from an early age, Maatta delved into the field as a UC Hastings student. "These were the days before Lucasfilm and Pixar," says Maatta. "San Francisco was a long way from being an entertainment capital." Not to be deterred, Maatta and a group of fellow students obtained a grant from the Markle Foundation to establish *Comm/Ent*, a law journal that covered communications and entertainment law.

"It was one of the first journals to focus exclusively on entertainment law," says Maatta. "It was a major leap for UC Hastings to support an endeavor as foreign as *Comm/Ent*. It says a lot about UC Hastings' foresight."

In his current role as COO of the CW, Maatta oversees the network's business operations, including sales, distribution, legal and finance. A joint venture between Warner Bros. Entertainment and CBS, the CW is the only network to exclusively target the 18- to 34-year-old demographic.

Maatta credits UC Hastings for helping him get his start in the business. "It was the openness of the UC Hastings administration that created that opportunity for us, and without that credential [of founding *Comm/Ent*], it would have been much more difficult to become an entertainment lawyer."

## CNDR Awarded Grant from JAMS Foundation

UC Hastings' leadership in the field of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) was recently recognized by the JAMS Foundation (formerly Judiciary Arbitration & Mediation Services), which awarded the Center for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution (CNDR) a grant of more than \$45,000. The grant enables CNDR to offer a special training institute in court ADR systems this summer. The institute is the first of its kind.

The course, *Envisioning, Designing and Implementing Court ADR: A Practical and Theoretical Program*, will give international members of the legal profession the tools they need to create court ADR programs in their respective countries. Participants will attend classes, engage in simulation exercises and meet with ADR practitioners over the course of the intensive five-day institute, which runs from June 20–24. "I expect the Court ADR Institute will become a regular summer event, making use of our ideal location within walking distance of so many outstanding U.S. court ADR programs," explains Melissa Nelken, CNDR's acting director and faculty chair.

JAMS, the premier provider of ADR services in the United States, established the JAMS Foundation to offer financial assistance to national and international conflict resolution initiatives. "CNDR is well known to us because of the excellent work they have done teaching and innovating in the field of ADR," says Jay Folberg, executive director of the JAMS Foundation. "We were very pleased to be able to provide this grant to them."

Register for the course at [www.uchastings.edu/centers/negotiation-adr/summer-legal-institute.html](http://www.uchastings.edu/centers/negotiation-adr/summer-legal-institute.html).



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# GUIDING LIGHTS

UC HASTINGS' HANDS-ON OFFERINGS ARE SECOND TO NONE, THANKS TO AN EXTRAORDINARY CLINICAL FACULTY LED BY ACADEMIC DEAN SHAUNA MARSHALL, PROFESSOR RICHARD BOSWELL AND PROFESSOR MARK AARONSON.

## MARSHALL ARTS

### UC HASTINGS' ACADEMIC DEAN **SHAUNA MARSHALL** MAKES A POWERFUL CASE FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Ask any student to describe **Shauna Marshall's** gifts as a teacher and mentor, and the responses will invariably be glowing: *Inspirational. Thoughtful. Open-minded. Accomplished. Supportive. A brilliant listener. A brilliant advocate.* Similar raves pour in from colleagues and faculty, proving Marshall is the Pixar of professors—she doesn't get bad reviews.

Academic dean since 2005, Marshall brings a rare mix of qualities to her high-powered position, not the least of which is her boundless enthusiasm for mentoring others.

Even with her hectic schedule—managing faculty, academic programs and just about every other aspect of the law school—she still makes time to co-teach the seminar for the concentration in Social Justice. “Teaching reminds me why I do what I do,” says Marshall. “I love providing students with confidence. It’s a wonderful thing to watch.” She

breaks into her hearty laugh: “I guess it’s the hopeless Mom in me.”

By all accounts, hopeless is the last word anyone would use to describe Marshall, who joined UC Hastings as a clinical professor in 1994. She played a pivotal role in the growth of UC Hastings’ Civil Justice Clinic, where she coached students to gain the skills they needed to hit the ground running upon graduation. Her accomplishments as academic dean include overseeing the growth of interdisciplinary programs, such as the UCSF/UC Hastings Consortium on Law, Science and Health Policy, and sharpening the school’s focus on public interest law. Above all, she has championed the value of what she likes to call “experiential learning.”

“It’s very unusual to have a clinical person running an academic program, and I think it has become somewhat infectious,” Marshall says. “I feel

blessed that we have Dean Wu, whose three-pronged vision calls for more skills training. It’s an exciting time, and we are charging forward.”

That powerful sense of purpose has been the driving force throughout Marshall’s life. Born in New York, Marshall was raised in a family deeply committed to civil rights and racial equality. Her uncle was the renowned psychologist Kenneth B. Clark, whose “doll tests”—which showed the effects of segregation on African-American children—were significantly cited in *Brown v. Board of Education*. “Growing up in that environment, I always knew I’d do something related to social justice,” she recalls.

Upon graduating from the UC Davis School of Law, Marshall entered the Department of Justice’s Honors Program as a trial attorney in the antitrust division. She then joined Equal Rights Advocates, where she

handled several landmark cases, including the class action that ultimately desegregated the San Francisco Fire Department, as well as an important case with the Asian Law Caucus, representing underpaid sweatshop workers in Chinatown. Later, at Stanford Law School, she oversaw its clinical division, the East Palo Alto Community Law Project.

She describes her current role at UC Hastings as yet another one of the “organizing efforts” that have defined her career, only now she’s “the conductor who makes sure all the parts of the orchestra are playing in tune.”

Even though Marshall is tasked with guiding the big picture, her heart is still in the day-to-day differences that she—and those she mentors—can make.

“I tell my students to take joy in the little victories,” she says. “Take heart from that one individual you can help.”



**DEGREES:** Washington University, St. Louis, B.A.; UC Davis, J.D.; Stanford University, J.S.M.

**SELF-DESCRIPTION:** A scholarly activist and a pragmatic professor

**INSPIRATIONS:** My daughters, Natalie and Nicole

**DREAM:** To someday write about what it's like to run a law school





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## RICHARD BOSWELL

### IMMIGRATION AUTHORITY

For more than two decades, Professor Richard Boswell has been inspiring UC Hastings students to pursue gratifying careers in immigration law. And there may be no better role model than Boswell himself, who brings a multicultural background and passion for social justice to his pioneering work in this field. Not only did he establish the Immigrants' Rights Clinic at UC Hastings, as well as the Immigration Law Clinic at George Washington University, he has also authored seminal publications on immigration and refugee law. Boswell has litigated important cases in federal courts involving immigrants' rights and, until recently, was co-editor-in-chief of the *Clinical Law Review*.

#### How I became interested in immigration law

I did not live in the United States until I was 16. My dad was in the State Department, and we lived in Asia, Europe and Latin America; I didn't even feel American until I was in my 30s. When I entered law school, I knew I would pursue a career in social justice. I realized that I love working with clients, and I've always enjoyed languages and cross-cultural interactions—and immigration law combines these interests of mine.

#### What students get out of the Immigrants' Rights Clinic

They learn about the practice of law by working with real people on real cases. We try to teach them to be reflective

practitioners, that they are not just automatons applying a rote set of rules. They interview clients, prepare briefs, write memos and work on policy issues. Some students have done community education, helping people with the citizenship process. They acquire skills that they will carry with them forever.

#### Why immigration law is an exciting practice area

There is a tremendous need in this field for ethical, competent lawyers. It is a rapidly growing area with lots of career opportunities. It is a federal practice, so you can practice it anywhere, even overseas. It is also immensely satisfying. It provides lawyers with an opportunity to work with clients to substantially alter their lives in positive ways. For lawyers who work with the government, immigration law allows them to make the system work with a sense of compassion.

#### My work on the UC Hastings to Haiti Partnership

We take students to a law school in Haiti for one week every spring. The school, the École Supérieure Catholique de Droit de Jérémie, is trying to make life better for Haitians in their own country by improving their legal system. This is a great opportunity to work with Haitians on their terms, on a project that is complementary to our values. They want to establish a criminal justice clinic, and we want to support this effort as much as possible.

If the late Gary Bellow was the father of clinical legal education, Bea Moulton would be the mother. She and Bellow published their seminal book, *The Lawyering Process: Materials for Clinical Instruction in Advocacy*, in 1978. "The book helped legitimize clinical education," Moulton says. But, she adds with a laugh, it wasn't a big seller. "Many colleagues confessed to me years later that Xeroxes from the book were prominent in their classes."

At the time she co-authored the textbook, Moulton was a teaching fellow at Harvard, where Bellow was a professor developing the school's clinical law program. The two had worked together previously at California Rural Legal Assistance; at

the Western Center on Law and Poverty; and at USC, where Moulton did a fellowship in poverty law. When Bellow was hired at Harvard, she followed.



Moulton made the move to UC Hastings as a staff member in 1984 to help develop its clinical curriculum. "At that time, the school had a very good moot court," she recalls, "but it was all simulation." Students did get hands-on experience in outplacements, but it was hit-or-miss, Moulton says. "Some students had excellent experiences with clients, but others were doing backroom work."

She set out to change that, writing the proposal to the state legislature that launched UC Hastings' clinical program. Along with Mark Aaronson, Moulton took steps to institute quality control, hiring people to supervise students in their internships. "We worked to get the right kind of cases for students—ideally lasting no more than four months and with a hearing or trial at the end." She and Aaronson also hired staff to teach the classroom component. Moulton was elevated from staff to faculty and taught in the program until 2004.

From the outset, a big component of the program has been ethics. "Things can be very tricky sometimes," Moulton says. "Suppose you think a client is lying. Or what if the facts in your case are negative. Dealing with those things directly is a lot better than reading about them in a book."

These days, clinical education is part of the curriculum at most law schools—something students actively seek and that law firms value. "Law firms no longer 'finish the training' of people they hire," Moulton says. "They're looking for people who already have hands-on experience."

## BLAZING THE TRAIL

PROFESSOR  
EMERITA BEA  
MOULTON  
REFLECTS ON  
HER CAREER AS A  
CHAMPION OF  
CLINICAL LEGAL  
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## MARK AARONSON

### SOCIAL JUSTICE MENTOR

Mark Aaronson joined UC Hastings in 1992 to expand the school's clinical course offerings after a distinguished career that included earning a Ph.D. in political science from UC Berkeley and arguing for welfare recipient rights in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.

At UC Hastings, he was responsible for shaping the Civil Justice Clinic (CJC), the school's largest in-house clinic. It began with the establishment of the Individual Representation Clinic, in which students provide clients with start-to-finish legal representation. The CJC has since grown to include the Mediation Clinic; Group Advocacy Clinic; and Community Economic Development (CED) Clinic, where Aaronson teaches.

Last year, the eight-student cohort of the CED Clinic took on an ambitious challenge: representing the interests of San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood as the city considers a \$2.5 billion hospital nearby at Van Ness and Geary. The students analyzed more than 1,000 pages of documents prior to submitting comments as part of the review process. The objective was to call attention to potential impacts not addressed adequately in the official draft documents.

#### The CED Clinic's goals

Part of its mission is to help improve the quality of life for Tenderloin residents. In

this instance, the CED Clinic provides legal assistance to community organizations concerned about access to health care for low-income individuals and families, affordable housing, job opportunities for low-wage workers, and traffic impacts.

#### What students have learned from the CED Clinic

In addition to drafting responses to a major environmental impact report, students conducted research for briefing memos for community organizers and public officials, participated in community meetings, and observed negotiations. Students have had an opportunity to develop an understanding of local land-use issues from the standpoints of clients, a developer and public officials. This opportunity has provided them with invaluable experience that they could well wind up applying to other legal areas quite far afield.

#### Qualities I like to encourage

It is important for students to develop a capacity for empathy. It's so important to understand life from somebody else's perspective—whether it be a client, judge, or another party or lawyer. This is not like dealing with a prepared set of questions on a final exam that necessarily simplify reality—students need to muck around in the real world and come up with the facts on their own.

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# Leading Litigators

HAVING ACHIEVED EXEMPLARY TRACK RECORDS AS TRIAL ATTORNEYS, **ROGER DREYER '80** AND **AMY ROSE '02** ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF UC HASTINGS LAWYERS.

## Roger Dreyer '80 | The Heavyweight

**“W**hat makes a good lawyer?” asks **Roger Dreyer '80**, rhetorically speaking. “Passion and hard work. Cynics say we make a lot of money, but that’s not what it’s about. Good lawyers are driven by the passion to do the right thing.”

One of Northern California’s top trial attorneys, Dreyer is a brilliant and formidable presence in the courtroom—and most opposing counsels’ worst nightmare. His record representing plaintiffs in personal injury cases is stellar; he has tried more than 100 civil cases and obtained more than 125 seven-figure verdicts and settlements. Many of these involved catastrophic injury, wrongful death and negligence, with Dreyer tirelessly conveying the losses suffered by victims or their survivors. “My gift is communicating honestly, cogently and concisely,” he says. “If you exaggerate when you’re asking for money, you run into trouble. I give the hard-core truth.” He is perhaps best known for winning a \$16.5 million award in the case of a woman who died after participating in a radio station’s contest. He also represented the Oakland Raiders in a suit against the Oakland Alameda County Coliseum; the \$34 million judgment was the highest business fraud verdict in Sacramento County history.

Dreyer knew from a young age that he would be a trial lawyer. While at UC Hastings, he sought out practical experience, working for a U.S. magistrate named Thomas Rothwell. “I was able to argue and prosecute federal misdemeanors in front of him,” Dreyer recalls. “It was invaluable experience.”

His first job out of school was with the Sacramento District Attorney’s Office, where, he says, he jumped right in with no learning curve. He went on to join a plaintiff’s law firm and then co-founded his own firm, Dreyer Babich Buccola & Wood, in 1984. “I’ve always had two goals: to treat people with dignity and have a positive impact on society,” he says. “I found I could achieve both as a personal injury lawyer.”

Perhaps most remarkable, however, is that with all his professional demands, he has managed to maintain a healthy balance. Besides coaching his children’s Little League and soccer teams, Dreyer has chaired the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento and is a major supporter of UC Hastings. Among many other contributions, Dreyer and his wife, attorney **Carol Wieckowski '79**, established the Roger & Carol Dreyer Trial Attorneys Scholarship for two students who excel at trial advocacy.

“I want to support students who’ve got what it takes to survive at trial work,” he says. “Let’s face it, law is competitive. It can be grinding. You’ve got to be able to hang tough.” And if anyone can inspire the next generation of trial attorneys to excel in a tough field, it’s the inimitable Roger Dreyer.

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To read more about Roger Dreyer’s case representing the family of Jennifer Strange, who died of water intoxication after participating in a radio station’s contest, visit [magazine.uchastings.edu](http://magazine.uchastings.edu).

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Left: In 1979, Roger Dreyer (back row, third from left, with moustache) was a member of the UC Hastings rugby team.







## Amy Rose '02 | Moot Court Coach Extraordinaire

“I love the philosophy of Moot Court. It’s like sports for lawyers. You get that competitive streak.”

Like many first-year law students, **Amy Rose '02** was once intimidated by the prospect of Moot Court. As a UC Hastings first-year student in fall 1999, Rose awaited her Moot Court class with a mix of curiosity and fear. But when class began, Rose’s fear subsided.

She learned and argued, competed and won. It wasn’t long before she realized she’d developed a new-found passion. “I love the philosophy of Moot Court,” says Rose, a senior associate at Squire Sanders and a member of the UC Hastings Alumni Board of Governors. “It’s like sports for lawyers. You get that competitive streak.”

UC Hastings boasts one of the country’s strongest Moot Court competition programs, so after thriving in the class, Rose joined the school’s team, participating in the Pace Environmental Law Competition in her first year. She moved from competing into student coaching and served as co-chair of the board her third year. By the time Rose graduated from UC Hastings and began her job at Squire Sanders, she knew that Moot Court coaching represented her best way to stay connected—and give back—to the law school.

The student teams coached by Rose routinely advance beyond preliminary rounds, at least reaching the quarterfinals or semis. Last fall, Rose’s most recent team made the semifinals of the John Marshall Technology and Privacy Law competition, winning the Best Petitioner’s Brief award. In 2007, her team won Best Brief and placed second nationally at the same competition. With this impressive track record, Rose was named the 2008–2009 Alumni Coach of the Year.

“She’s enthusiastic about the team,” says **Toni Young '76**, who directs the Moot Court program. “Amy believes deeply in the skills it teaches. And it shows.”

Rose says that her Moot Court experience as a student prepared her for her career as a litigator, and Squire Sanders assigned her oral arguments more quickly than is typical for young lawyers. Today she litigates contractual and insurance disputes and advises international companies on matters ranging from real estate to telecommunications to banking. For her work, Rose has twice been named a Rising Star by *Northern California Super Lawyers* magazine.

“I was terrified of litigation before I got involved with Moot Court,” she says. “But once you get into it, there’s nothing like it. It’s just so intense and exciting.”

# POLICY

# POWERHOUSES

DRAWING ON THE CLINICAL EXPERIENCES THEY HAD AT UC HASTINGS, **STEPHANIE STUART '03** AND **ANTHONY LEW '08** HAVE BECOME MOVERS AND SHAKERS IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

## Stephanie Stuart '03 | Shaping the Cityscape

**S**tephanie Stuart '03 says that her job at the San Francisco City Attorney's Office keeps her in touch with "the interesting and out-of-the-ordinary." As part of a team that advises the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, Stuart works on major projects like the Central Subway and SFpark. She also helps supervise UC Hastings externs from the school's Local Government Law Clinic.

"It gives students exposure to the legal world outside of UC Hastings and lets them learn exactly what it means to be an attorney, which is definitely very different from being a law student," Stuart says. She should know; only about 10 years have passed since Stuart herself was a UC Hastings extern in the same City Attorney's Office.

After studying political science at UCLA, Stuart came to UC Hastings planning to enter politics once she obtained her law degree. "But then I found that there was this whole other body of law where you get to advise policymakers instead of be a policymaker," she explains.

Joining the Local Government Law Clinic during her second year at UC Hastings, Stuart says, "was my light bulb moment of 'Oh, this is how it's all supposed to fit together for me.' With my background of policy and legal education, working in municipal policy was the perfect mix."

Stuart performed a variety of tasks as an extern with the City Attorney's Office, doing research, reviewing contracts, drafting legislation and also working on other issues as assigned. A classroom component made the clinic even more beneficial. "It was helpful to take what we learned in class and apply it to the externship," Stuart says. "Talking about our experiences helped shed more light on what it means to be a practicing attorney."

After graduation, Stuart spent a few years in private practice before returning to the office where she was once an extern. There, she enjoys the unexpected challenges that arise on major projects like SFpark, a tech-heavy modernization of how the city handles auto parking and metering. And watching new crops of UC Hastings externs grow makes for an added bonus.

"It's great to remember what that was like and reflect on how much I've learned," Stuart says. "It's encouraging for the future and reminds me I've been out of school longer than I sometimes think."

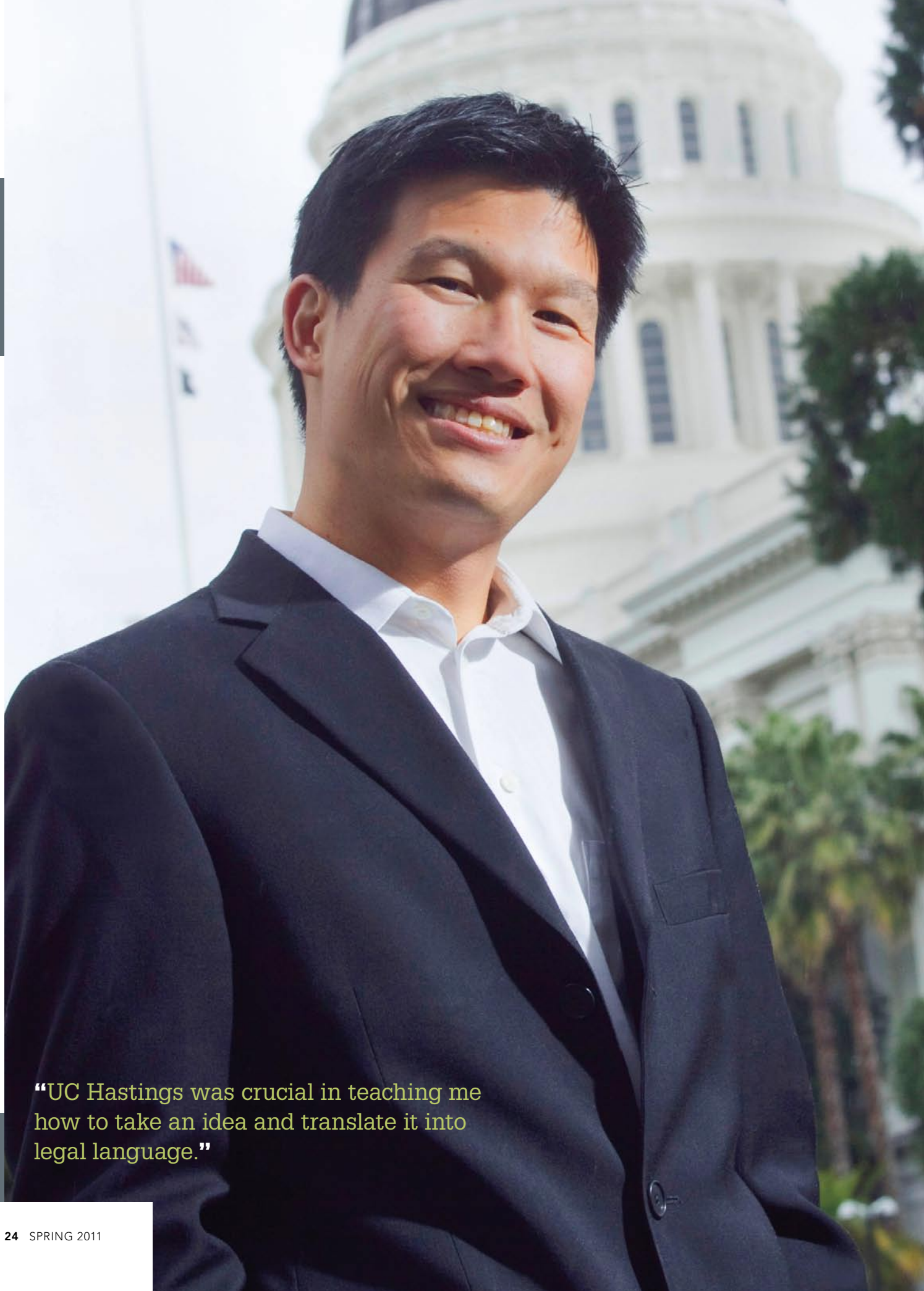


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## Anthony Lew '08 | Building Better Bills

For many a bill that comes before the State Assembly's Judiciary Committee, its future direction rests in the hands of **Anthony Lew '08**.

Lew is one of several counsels to the Judiciary Committee, which has a wide-ranging jurisdiction encompassing family law, contracts, civil liability, landlord-tenant law, constitutional rights and more. The varied nature of the work is one of the things Lew finds most appealing about his job.

When a bill is assigned to him for review—months before it's ready to be voted on—it's his job to assess its merits, negotiate and craft amendments as needed, and make a recommendation to the Committee prior to the hearing where members vote on the proposal. To start, he meets with the sponsor of the bill and other proponents, including lobbyists. He also meets with any opponents of the measure to discuss their concerns.

Copious research follows. "Lobbyists come from a specific point of view and don't always present the facts in an unbiased way," Lew points out. He studies the relevant issues, as well as how the bill fits with case law and federal law. "The overarching question," he says, "is always: Is this the best policy for California?"

Facts in hand, Lew brings his negotiation skills into play to help hammer out an agreement between opposing parties. Then he gets to work revising the language of the bill and writing the Committee's analysis paper, both of which become part of the legislative history of the bill available to the public. He credits his training at UC Hastings for giving him the research and negotiating savvy he relies on. But even more, he says, "UC Hastings was crucial in teaching me how to take an idea and translate it into legal language."

Lew considers himself fortunate to have found a terrific job just months after graduating, in the same office where he did his clinical experience. "I can't overstate how essential the UC Hastings Legislative Clinic was in getting me to where I am today," he says. "Not only did I have an amazing hands-on learning experience, but I also fostered the connections and relationships that helped me land my job here in Sacramento."

As a law student, Lew knew from the get-go that he wanted to do policy work. That's why he enrolled in the clinical program early, in his second year. "I went to law school motivated by policy. I never pursued a career in litigation," he says. Landlord-tenant issues are of particular interest to him, and he's currently researching legal protections for tenants in properties facing foreclosure. He imagined that he'd ultimately work at a nonprofit, doing governmental policy work. But his internship at the Judiciary Committee changed all that. "Once I got to see the legislative process firsthand, I realized you could have a lot more impact from the inside."

## Charting a Multifaceted Career Path

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# Simona Agnolucci '06

When a former professor approached **Simona Agnolucci '06** for help with an asylum case of a woman fleeing domestic violence in her native Mexico, Agnolucci jumped at the chance. In the case, known as *The Matter of L.R.*, Agnolucci represented the woman's two sons, while the professor, **Karen Musalo**, represented the woman. “Together we litigated the case and obtained an outstanding decision,” Agnolucci says of the ruling they received last August.

“It was the first time the Department of Homeland Security officially recognized that asylum is available to women who have survived domestic violence,” Agnolucci explains. “It was a very important decision for gender-based asylum claims.” Women's rights advocates hailed the ruling, and both Agnolucci and Musalo were quoted in the *New York Times*. For Agnolucci, an associate at Howard Rice, it was one of many accomplishments in a multifaceted career rooted in experiential education opportunities at law school.

One of Agnolucci's early UC Hastings classes was **Richard Boswell's** immigration law course, which required students to observe or participate in a clinic. On her first day at La Raza Centro Legal in the Mission District, the clinic director had Agnolucci do intake with a client. “There I was, meeting with a real-life person who needed help,” Agnolucci recalls, telling of a tearful immigrant who had been scammed by a phony attorney. “I knew from that day that I wanted to go back.” Agnolucci volunteered at the bimonthly clinic throughout her three years at UC Hastings.

In addition to her *pro bono* immigration work, Agnolucci focuses on appellate law for Howard Rice—another aspect of her career she traces back to opportunities at UC Hastings. An externship with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, she says, “was one of the best things I did while a student.” Writing memos, drafting opinions and learning to become a “voracious researcher” led to a post-graduation clerkship with Judge William Canby Jr., who sits on the Ninth Circuit. From there, Agnolucci began her career at Howard Rice where, she says, “Appellate law is always interesting because you get to see so many substantive areas of the law.”

Today, Agnolucci enjoys the back-and-forth between her appellate practice and her *pro bono* efforts, remembering where it all began. “The seeds of my *pro bono* work were planted in my first year at La Raza Centro Legal, while my externship was critical to my educational and professional development,” she says. “Those two things sent me on paths that are both part of my law practice now.”







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# ANDREW HOUSTON '07

## A VOICE FOR THE UNDERSERVED

As a lawyer in training in the UC Hastings Civil Justice Clinic, **Andrew Houston '07** visited the leaking, mold-infested apartment that his client's landlord refused to fix. That visit took him away from his law books—and into a world where he saw he could make a huge difference in people's lives.

"You read the cases, but that's only going to get you so far," Houston says. "To actually see that family's home and to see them dealing with it daily is important. You feel more invested because you see this person's struggle."

Houston's client and his client's wife, parents of a small child, were low-income and mostly Spanish-speaking. Despite their having appealed to the landlord, the apartment remained a rotting mess. It wasn't until Houston and the Civil Justice Clinic (CJC) got involved that the landlord began to pay attention. "We were like the tenants' voice," says Houston. "We learned that the law is very powerful and allows you to do a lot of things in the community around issues of social justice."

Houston, a native of San Mateo, became interested in social justice and the law as its instrument when he was a sociology major at UC Berkeley. It was the CJC, though, that put him face to face with people he could help and led to his first job at Legal Services of Northern California, where he dealt directly with poor clients, providing legal assistance in the areas of public benefits and housing.

"Part of practicing law is having people skills, so working with real clients or having simulation clinical experience really helps," Houston says.

As part of the CJC program, a clinical professor monitored each case, offering feedback to students. Houston says he got constructive criticism: "I was good on the client interaction, but the one thing I needed to work on was the writing."

He refers to his improved writing skills as invaluable in his position with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, where Houston has worked since 2008, implementing the city's anti-discrimination, contracting and disadvantaged business laws. The speaking skills he honed as part of his clinical learning at UC Hastings have also served him well, he says, especially when meeting with contractors and representatives of city departments as part of the commission's effort to keep city contracts where they're needed in local communities.

To this day, Houston looks back on his student housing case as formative. "It was very fulfilling to help this family live in more humane conditions, and I realized I would like to do that kind of work as a career."

# Matthew Avery '09

## Back to the LAB

**“The LAB Project helped me learn how to craft articles that actually get read by a wide audience of practitioners.”**

When **Matthew Avery '09** entered UC Hastings, he wasn't the stereotypical young student eager to pursue a professional career. Avery had already earned a master's degree from Stanford University in chemical engineering and spent four years working in biotech for Bayer Healthcare. But law school still beckoned.

“I wanted to leverage those years of engineering experience and do something else with it,” he recalls. “I thought becoming a patent lawyer would allow me to constantly be exposed to new technology.”

At UC Hastings, it didn't take long for Avery to get involved with the Law and Bioscience (LAB) Project, which he calls “a must” for aspiring practitioners interested in the life sciences. The LAB Project connects UC Hastings students with practicing attorneys to collaborate on research papers that explore cutting-edge topics in the field of bioscience law. For Avery, the LAB Project represented welcome real-world experience to complement his theory-based class work.

“A lot of academic papers have a very limited audience,” Avery says. “That's why it's so beneficial to work with actual practitioners and research issues of interest to practicing attorneys and future clients. The LAB Project helped me learn how to craft articles that actually get read by a wide audience of practitioners.”

Coupled with an externship for Supreme Court of California Justice Ming Chin, the LAB Project helped Avery prepare for a successful career after graduation. Both papers he wrote through the program got published, and he drew on his experience writing for practitioners and potential clients early in his current role as an intellectual property attorney at Baker Botts. When he was called upon to write an article for the firm's client bulletin, Avery says, “having already done writing and research just like this in the LAB Project made it much easier and more comfortable for me to take on.”

At Baker Botts, Avery focuses largely on patent prosecution and litigation, working with well-known life science and technology companies. But the still-licensed chemical engineer hasn't strayed too far from the program that facilitated his transition from student to practicing lawyer; Avery remains involved in the LAB Project as an adviser, co-authoring and helping students conceptualize papers.

“I had such a great experience with the LAB Project as a student,” he says, “that coming back now as a practitioner was an easy decision.”





### TOP HONOR FOR LAB PROJECT PAPER

Matthew Avery received the 2011 Larry M. Simonsmeier Award, given annually by the American Society for Pharmacy Law for an outstanding scholarly paper relating to pharmacy law. His paper, "Personalized Medicine and Rescuing 'Unsafe' Drugs with Pharmacogenetics," appeared in 2010 in the *Food and Drug Law Journal* and was written for the LAB Project.

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For more information about the papers that Matthew Avery has developed with the LAB Project, please visit [magazine.uchastings.edu](http://magazine.uchastings.edu).







# HOWARD HERMAN '83

## FACILITATING BETTER OUTCOMES



(one cookie at a time)

“We always serve cookies at our mediations. They make people happy, and happy people think more clearly and make better decisions.”

**H**oward Herman '83 characterizes mediation as being at the intersection of law and psychology, using a holistic approach based on what he refers to as “client-centered lawyering.” “Many people think of lawyers as warriors on behalf of their clients,” Herman says. “But in my view the most important part of a lawyer’s job is being a counselor—helping people not only to understand their rights but to look at their options and figure out their interests. As a mediator, I am focused on helping lawyers work with their clients to explore the problem presented as broadly and as humanly as possible.”

For the past 14 years, Herman has been director of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Programs for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California in San Francisco. He practices mediation himself and serves as the supervisor and lead trainer of the court’s several hundred volunteer mediators, neutral evaluators and arbitrators. In 2002, he was a co-recipient of the Robert F. Peckham Award for Excellence in Alternative Dispute Resolution.

“For many years, our court has been a leader in promoting the use of alternative approaches to resolving disputes,” he says. And it’s not simply to clear the docket, he adds. “With a trial, there’s one winner and one loser. The court encourages people to explore the possibility of a solution that might be more satisfactory for both parties.” A skillful mediator, he says, gives clients the tools they need to arrive at their own solutions so they’re in control of the outcome.

The court handles ADR for any cases that come its way, but in recent years Herman has devoted much attention to a program for Americans with Disabilities Act cases. “Those cases can become expensive, especially in attorney’s fees,” he says. “If the dispute can be worked out at the early stages, it’s better for everyone.”

In addition to training mediators in the Northern District of California, Herman teaches two courses at UC Hastings: Basic Mediation and Effective Representation in Mediation. He also teaches the art of mediation in such far-flung regions as India, Malaysia, Germany and Palau. “Around the world, countries are looking at changes in their legal system,” he says. “People are interested in this approach.”

When Herman attended UC Hastings, there wasn’t a formal clinical program in place. But he credits a trial advocacy course taught by Maude Pervere and Howard Janssen as instrumental in developing his lawyering skills. “It was a revelation to me in my third year of school when I realized I could be myself and still be a lawyer.”

That view informs all his teaching, whether at the district court, at UC Hastings or abroad. “Successful lawyering is about figuring out who you are as a person in the world,” he says. “You can’t just copy somebody else’s style. You have to be yourself and bring all of your humanity to the table.”



UC Hastings Homeless Legal Services' student volunteers are committed to making a difference. From left: Lauren Battey '12, Lauren Birnbaum '13, Jeff Ugai '12, Milan Sundaresan '13, Marchela Iahdjian '11, Scott Rhodes '13, Beckie Palm '13, Osama Almughrabi '13.



# UC Hastings Homeless Legal Services

► Students gain valuable skills while offering a lifeline to the underserved

Not long ago, a homeless man named John came to San Francisco to commit suicide. Originally from Sacramento, he had violated the terms of his parole and lost access to the medications and Social Security benefits that were critical to his mental health care. John was arrested on the Golden Gate Bridge before he was able to take his own life.

Enter UC Hastings Homeless Legal Services (HLS), a student-run program that—in partnership with the prestigious San Francisco law firm of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe and VLSP, the Volunteer Legal Services Program of the San Francisco Bar Association—provides outreach and legal advocacy to some of the city's most under-

served denizens. With help from HLS, John was able to clear an outstanding warrant and get placed on nonrevocable parole, ensuring that he wouldn't again lose the resources essential to his health and well-being.

"Now he has a warm bed and a place to stay and is on a path toward a much better life," says **Jeff Ugai '12**, who worked on John's case and currently serves as HLS co-president with **Marchela Iahdjian '11**. "It's been an honor to see that transformation."

HLS began in 2005 when a small group of UC Hastings students, eager to increase aid opportunities for the city's indigent,

started a referrals clinic in the South of Market district. Needing licensed lawyers to oversee their activities, the students approached Orrick to supervise their work as they met with shelter residents. Professor **Nancy Stuart '94** serves as the group's faculty adviser.

The program currently operates every Tuesday evening out of the St. Vincent de Paul Society's multiservice center, the largest homeless shelter in Northern California. Some dozen UC Hastings student volunteers help sort out a wide range of legal matters, investigating laws, writing motions and drafting letters to judges that focus largely

on clearing outstanding warrants like John's. For San Francisco's many homeless, HLS provides help otherwise hard to come by.

"This is a really good opportunity to help a segment of the population that needs assistance," says volunteer **Beckie Palm '13**. "HLS is a resource these people really need."

But homeless people aren't the only beneficiaries of the program. Dealing with actual people's problems in a real-world context provides student volunteers with an experience that is a big departure from theoretical classroom exercises.

"It's a good reminder to people of why they're suffering through the whole law school experience," says Ugai. "It reminds them of their goals and why they came to law school in the first place—and it helps keep that passion alive."

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# class notes

NEWS ABOUT YOUR CLASSMATES AND COLLEAGUES

**Irina Kachagin** joined Downey Brand Attorneys' litigation law practice group. Irina's previous work experience includes being a Summer Honors Program intern with the California Attorney General's office and a court investigator for Quest Intelligence Group. ~ **Farella Braun + Martel** has added **Eric Tausend** as an associate. Eric, who previously served as a judicial extern for U.S. District Judge Jeffrey White of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, focuses on construction. ~ **Eric J. Lindstrom** is an associate at Girard Gibbs. ~ **David Hall**, an associate in the San Diego office of Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd, practices securities litigation. ~ **Jesse Eli Morris** works as a legal research attorney at the Hall of Justice in San Francisco. ~ Fenton Nelson is delighted to announce that **Patricia Sanchez** has joined the

firm. Patricia brings experience as a former health-care consultant at Pricewaterhouse and is a former summer associate of Fenton Nelson.

**Sander van der Heide** is engaged to Alison Kramer of Walnut Creek. The prospective groom is a 2002 graduate of Prospect High School in Saratoga and received his Bachelor of Arts from St. Mary's in 2006. He is employed with Ruiz & Sperow in Emeryville. The couple is planning a June 25 wedding at St. Mary's Chapel. ~ **Hillary Benham-Baker** married William Benham-Baker in October 2009 in Oakland. Hillary is an associate at Bryan Schwartz Law, where she represents plaintiffs in employment class actions and individual cases. ~ **Peiyi Zhao** is an associate at Paul Hastings' Palo Alto office. Her practice area covers general

corporate and technology transactions.

**Donnelly Alison Gillen** is entering her third year as an associate at Boornazian, Jensen & Garthe, where she practices construction defect defense. In her free time, she runs half and full marathons. She has recently resumed competitive equestrian endeavors. ~ **Jessica Morgan Tankersly** is a staff attorney at Fair Housing of Marin in San Rafael. She recently got engaged and plans to marry this summer. ~



Donnelly Alison Gillen '08

**Sarah S. Wessels** started a family law and estate planning practice, [www.justhealthandfamily.com](http://www.justhealthandfamily.com). She has also started a nonprofit health law foundation. ~ **Joseph Azam** recently returned to the Bay Area to join the in-house legal team at Oracle as global Compliance & Ethics counsel. He focuses on international anti-corruption investigations and other international public sector legal issues. ~ UC Hastings has hired **David Takacs** as a new faculty member. David's expertise is in climate change and environmental law. He will be teaching environmental law, international environmental law, climate change law and torts.



Joseph Azam '08

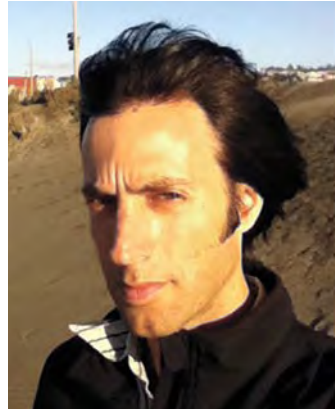


**Timothy Hsieh** won second prize in the prestigious *Playboy* College Fiction Contest (under the pen name Timothy Tau). Timothy currently works as an IP attorney at Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves and Savitch in San Diego. He will soon be completing a master's in engineering from UCLA, where he also took several fiction courses, qualifying him for the contest. The prize-winning story, *Land of Origin*, is about a Taiwanese-American expat who gets mixed up with Taiwan's betel nut girls and the gangster underworld. Timothy also recently wrote and directed a short film entitled *The Case*, which was accepted into the 2011 Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival and will be premiering at other film festivals around the world. ~ **Will O'Neill** is an associate at Haynes & Boone in Irvine and serves on the board for the Orange County Bar Association Young Lawyers' Division.

**Lindsey Schroeder** joined the Palo Alto office of Curley, Hessinger & Johnsrud as an associate. Lindsey, who was

previously with Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, practices employment law counseling and litigation. ~ **Jessica S. Mussallem** joined Downey Brand Attorneys' litigation law practice group. Prior to joining Downey Brand, Jessica worked as an associate with Vinson & Elkins in New York. ~ **Stephen R. Miller** was recently hired by the University of Idaho. Stephen works in community economic development, land use, sustainability and environmental law. He begins at the University of Idaho in the fall of 2011.

In addition to running his own practice, Bellman Legal, **Gabriel Bellman** is the co-director of the Frozen Film Festival. Gabriel's second feature film as a director will be out in summer 2011. ~ **Ashlee Bonds** moved to Madrid in 2010 to take an in-house commercial attorney and key account position at Vestas Mediterranean, a leading wind turbine manufacturer. Ashlee focuses on negotiating cross-border, multiyear equipment supply and service agreements with the company's key customers



Gabriel Bellman '05

and develops agreements for emerging renewable energy markets in Turkey, Greece, the Middle East and Africa. ~ **Maggie Crawford** has left DLA Piper and started her own firm, the Law Offices of Margaret A. Crawford, where she specializes in business and commercial litigation. ~ **Eric Reed** recently joined the Ventura office of Anderson, Kill, Wood & Bender, which concentrates on representing policyholders in coverage disputes with commercial insurers. He joins founding partner **David Wood '85**. ~ **Boris Mamlyuk** was recently hired by the University of Memphis School of Law. Boris specializes in contracts and sales, as well as Russian law.

Hanson Bridgett has named **Steven Miller** new senior counsel. Steven focuses on municipal law and assists local government agencies, in particular transit districts, in a wide variety of legal issues. ~ **Steve Ngo** is on the board of trustees for the San Francisco Community College District.

Hanson Bridgett has named **Anne Hydorn** senior counsel in its San Francisco office. She represents public and private employers in compensation and benefits matters.

Executive coaching consultant **Judah Schiller** learned about combat confidence as a soldier in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). Now, the attorney-turned-career coach, speaker and Fortune 500 trainer draws on his experiences in the IDF to instruct corporate executives and professionals in the finer points of leadership, stress management and personal growth. ~ **Caitlin Murphy** is a senior product manager for AccessData Group, where she drives product



Cameron Platt Calhoun '01

design and messaging for the AD Summation line. ~ **Jared L. Bryan** was recently chosen for partnership at Jackson Lewis, one of the country's largest and fastest growing workplace law firms. He works in the firm's Newport Beach office. ~ **Minh T. Nguyen** has been appointed to the board of governors of the Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles.



Richard J. Moore '01

Jones Day has elected **David Kiernan** to the partnership. David is a member of the trial practice in San Francisco. ~ Prior to joining Clean Energy Experts, **Reginald Norris** ran operations for the first completely carbon-neutral water company in the U.S., Nika Water. ~ **Cameron Platt Calhoun** and his wife Nicole were married in Oakland in the summer of 2010, honeymooned in Vietnam in the fall and bought a house in Oakland in the winter. Cameron continues to grow his residential and investment real estate brokerage, Platt Real Estate, and was recently elected to serve as the 2012 President of the Oakland Association of Realtors. ~ Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart is pleased to



Julia Mezhinsky '99

announce that **Dominick C. Capozzola**, has been elected shareholder in the firm's Morristown, N.J. office. ~ **Richard J. Moore** is now a partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. He is a member of the firm's tax group and is based in San Francisco. Richard's practice focuses on the taxation of municipal finance including multifamily housing, health care and nonprofit issues, solid waste disposal facilities, public power, advance refundings, municipal derivative products, and arbitrage matters.

**Dean Fealk** was selected as a 2011 American Marshall Memorial Fellow. He is a partner and group chair at DLA Piper. ~ Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton is

pleased to elevate **Jenny Liu** to partner in the firm's corporate practice group in the Shanghai office. ~ Bingham McCutchen has promoted 13 lawyers to partner, including **David Cannon** in California. David, based in San Francisco, is a member of the intellectual property group.

This year marks the fifth anniversary of **Julia Mezhinsky's** own firm, Campbell & Jayne, where she practices white-collar/criminal defense in state and federal court. ~ **Karen (Freeman) Landers** was recently named general counsel of the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System. Her husband, Tom Landers, is a partner at Solomon Ward Seidenwurm & Smith. They have two children, Nolan (4) and Nathan (14). For classmates who remember him as a toddler running around the Law Cafe, Nathan is now a freshman in high school. ~ **Daniel O'Connor** founded InnovoCommerce in 2008 with three partners. The firm is currently projecting its third straight year of triple-digit growth and is planning on expanding





Eric Sternberger '98

into Europe, with an office in Germany, as many of its customers are large European pharmaceutical companies. ~ **Scott Acheson Steiner** was sworn in as a judge of the Superior Court of Orange County on January 3, 2011, and serves as a trial judge at the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana.

Keesal, Young & Logan has elected **John Cox** to the partnership. John, who is in the firm's San Francisco office, focuses on white-collar, securities, environmental and admiralty litigation. ~ In 2010, then-Gov. Schwarzenegger appointed **Yuri Vanetik** to the California Lottery Commission. He is a director of Terra Resources and a private investor. Yuri serves on numerous

## IN PRINT

Recently published books by UC Hastings faculty and alumni

### FACULTY BOOKS

**Brian E. Gray, *Managing California's Water: From Conflict to Reconciliation* (Public Policy Institute of California, 2011)** In this fascinating book, written by a team of scientists, economists, and legal experts, Professor Brian Gray and his co-authors argue that a new approach is needed to manage California's aquatic ecosystems.

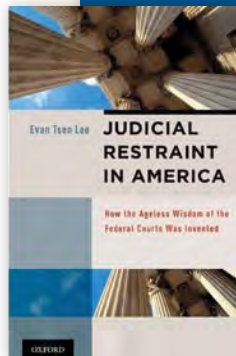
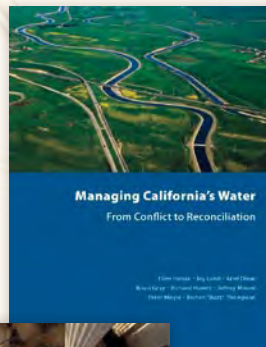
**Evan Tsen Lee, *Judicial Restraint in America: How the Ageless Wisdom of the Federal Courts Was Invented* (Oxford University Press, 2010)**

Professor Evan Lee's illuminating book traces the cultural, social and intellectual forces that have shaped the concept of judicial restraint from the time of John Marshall to the present day. Professor Lee teaches Criminal Law and Federal Courts at UC Hastings.

**Ethan J. Leib, *Friend v. Friend: The Transformation of Friendship—and What the Law Has to Do With It* (Oxford University Press, 2011)**

In this elegantly written account, Professor Ethan Leib contends that the ancient social institution of friendship could benefit from better public policies. He offers practical proposals that can support new patterns of interpersonal affinity without making friendship an onerous legal burden.

**Joan C. Williams, *Reshaping the Work-Family Debate: Why Men and Class Matter* (Harvard University Press, 2010)** In her erudite new book, Professor Williams reinvigorates the work-family debate, exploring solutions to help make life manageable for all American families. Founding director of WorkLife Law and the Project for Attorney Retention, the author is a Distinguished Professor and 1066 Foundation Chair at UC Hastings.





## IN PRINT (continued)

### ALUMNI BOOKS

**Alan Abrahamson '87 with Apolo Ohno, *Zero Regrets: Be Greater Than Yesterday* (Atria Books, 2010)** Abrahamson, who co-authored this portrait of Olympic speed skating champion Apolo Ohno, was also the co-author of *No Limits: The Will to Succeed*, with Michael Phelps.

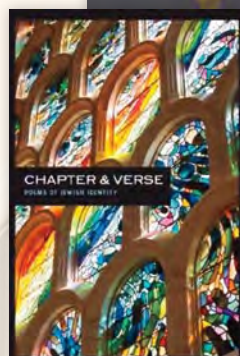
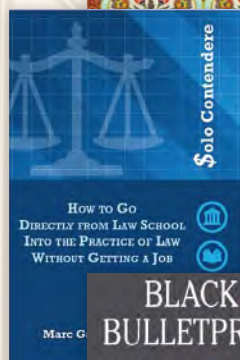
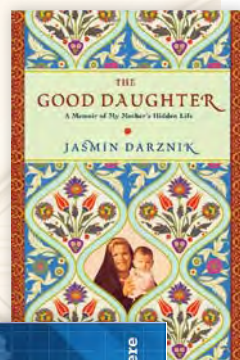
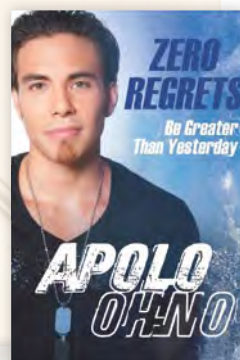
**Benjamin Bac Sierra '04, *Barrio Bushido* (El León Literary Arts, 2011)** A coming-of-age story set on the tough streets of an unnamed California city, *Barrio Bushido* is the first novel by Bac Sierra, a professor at City College of San Francisco.

**Jasmin Darznik '97, *The Good Daughter: A Memoir of My Mother's Hidden Life* (Grand Central Publishing, 2011)** Darznik is a professor of English and creative writing at Washington and Lee University. *The Good Daughter* is a memoir of her mother's secret life in Iran.

**Marc D. Garfinkle '78, *The Law Enforcement Officer's Hip-Pocket Guide to Testifying in Court*** Written primarily for police officers, this book is an everything-you-need-to-know guide to testifying in court. Among the author's previous books is *Solo Contendere: How to Go Directly From Law School Into the Practice of Law—Without Getting a Job*.

**Marcus Hardie '97, *Black and Bulletproof: An African American Warrior in the Israeli Army* (New Horizon Press, 2010)** In this memoir, Hardie, an attorney based in Southern California, writes about his experience as an antiterror fighter in the Israel Defense Forces.

**Melanie Stoff Maier '81, contributor, *Chapter & Verse: Poems of Jewish Identity* (Conflux Press, 2011)** Maier's poems have also been published or are forthcoming in the *Fourth River*, *Southern California Review*, *Phoebe* and the *Southern Review*.



corporate and nonprofit boards of directors, including the American Red Cross, Miracles for Kids, Center for Global Change and Gen-Next. He also serves on the advisory board of UC Irvine's Center for Unconventional Security Affairs. ~ **Eric Lindstrom** has joined Keller and Heckman as counsel. Eric, who was previously at Shaklee, assists companies on a wide range of FDA, FTC and USDA regulatory matters for foods, dietary supplements and other consumer products. ~ **Eric Sternberger** was appointed to the mediation panel of Resolution Remedies, where he primarily mediates complex business and shareholder disputes.



Emi Gusukuma '97





Ashley Tabaddor '97

**John Delgado** won a seat in the Hercules city council. Prior to his election to the city council, Delgado was the assistant district attorney for the San Francisco District Attorney's office and was also a city council member. John says his main reason for running for office was to address conflicts of interest in City Hall, to have a more transparent government and to put more focus on completing San Francisco's waterfront. ~ **Harrison Nam** has joined Cooper, White & Cooper as an associate. He previously practiced with Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold. ~ **Emi Gusukuma** was a 2010 recipient of the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Best Lawyers Under 40 Award. The awards were

presented at NAPABA's annual convention in Los Angeles in November 2010. ~ **Lindsay (Sturges) Saffouri** is the director of the First-Year Skills Program at UC Berkeley Law (Boalt). ~ **Ashley Tabaddor** joined the UCLA Law School faculty in spring of 2011 as an adjunct professor teaching an advanced seminar entitled Immigration Law & Crimes.

Sidley Austin has announced the election of **Stephen M. Fronk** to partnership in the firm's technology transactions practice. Practicing out of Sidley's San Francisco and Palo Alto offices, Stephen advises clients on an array of intellectual property-related issues, with a focus on digital-



Stephen M. Fronk '96

media transactions and distribution deals in the entertainment and publishing industries. ~ **Sunil Kulkarni** has joined the University of California's Office of General Counsel in Oakland as senior counsel in its litigation group. Previously a partner in the Palo Alto office of Morrison & Foerster, Sunil will represent the University in a variety of litigation matters and administrative hearings. ~ **Rich Campbell** is teaching Toxics Law at Golden Gate University School of Law during the 2011 spring semester. He was elected Chair of the Planning Commission for the City of Pacifica in January 2011. ~ **Elizabeth Potter Scully** recently formed a law partnership in Los Angeles, Jacobson Scully Shebby, specializing in family law. She is a certified family law specialist and was named a Southern California Rising Star by *Super Lawyers* magazine. ~ **Jolene Anell Yee** and her lawyer husband John added a bouncing baby boy to their brood, which includes big sister Eliza, a dog and two ferocious felines. John Philip Ward Wicks was born on September 2,



Sunil Kulkarni '96

2010, and is doing a grand job of keeping mommy smiling but sleep deprived. Jolene recently returned to her position as assistant general counsel with E. & J. Gallo Winery and wonders what crazy person coined the term "work-life balance."

Hanson Bridgett has named **David Gehrig** to its partnership ranks in its San Francisco office.



Eliza and John, children of Jolene Anell Yee '96

David is the infrastructure group co-chair and assists public agency clients with public works construction projects. ~ Former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently appointed

**Jacqueline C. Jackson** to a judgeship at the Riverside County Superior Court. ~ Former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently appointed **Alexander R. Martinez** to a judgeship at the San Bernardino County Superior Court. ~ Hon. **Julie A. Emede** was appointed to the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, in December 2009, and is currently serving in a domestic violence Criminal Court assignment. ~ **Corey Taylor** is the owner of the Law Office of Corey E. Taylor in Mission Viejo, where he specializes in real estate litigation, including commercial lease, land use and lender disputes. He and his wife, Suzanne, have two boys, Caden (4) and Griffin (8 months). He still misses "the City."

Hanson Bridgett has named **Kevin Reese** to its partnership ranks in its San Francisco office. He is a commercial litigator and an employment law attorney.

~ After toiling for 16 years for someone else, **Robert J. Hadlock** has formed his own partnership—Gregory & Hadlock—with a lifelong friend. The firm specializes in civil litigation with an emphasis on plaintiffs, personal injury, products liability, insurance bad faith, disability rights and commercial litigation. ~ **Frannie Mok** maintains a general law practice in Oakland and San Francisco, specializing in family, immigration, personal bankruptcy, real estate, business and civil litigation. She also owns a weekend traffic violation school and is active in real estate investments. Her first child, born during law school, has turned 17 years old, and her younger son is 11. Contact Frannie at legalhire@yahoo.com. ~ The Law Office of **Richard Vaznaugh** just moved to 1388 Sutter Street, Suite 1000, in San Francisco. The firm is still exclusively practicing employment law on behalf of employees.

**Shanti Eagle '09** is working with Richard as an associate. ~ SNR Denton US announced the promotion of **Stephanie L. Zeppa** to counsel in San Francisco. She has extensive experience in

corporate and securities matters, including public and private company mergers and acquisitions, private placements and venture capital financings and general corporate counseling in various industries.

**Cynthia E. Bryant** of Sacramento was named to the California Exposition and State Fair board of directors. Cynthia has served as chief deputy director in the Department of Finance since January 2010. ~ **Christy Birdsong**, who served as counsel for the House Committee on Agriculture since 2005, joins the Memphis-based National Cotton Council of America as general counsel. ~ **Curt Holbreich** was recently named a partner at K&L Gates, in the San Francisco office. His practice focuses on patent litigation for national and international high-technology clients in the federal courts and before the U.S. International Trade Commission. Curt's recent patent litigation matters include representing clients in the fields of semiconductor technology, flash memory architecture, semiconductor

fabrication, digital camera design and memory controller architecture. ~ **Gideon Grunfeld** is the president of Law Firm Development, which provides business coaching and consulting services to attorneys and law firms. Gideon is the chair of the small solo firm and is the immediate past chair of the law practice management and technology section of the State Bar of California. Gideon writes about lawyers and law practice; his recent publications have addressed issues such as "A Strategic Approach to Fee Arbitration in California," "Effective Marketing Messages for Business Clients," "Ethical Requirements Relating to Attorneys' Fees and Fee Agreements," and "New Obligations to Return Electronic Documents at the End of a Representation."

Archbishop George H. Niederauer appointed **Katherine A. Munter** to the board of directors of Catholic Charities CYO (CCCYO), the social services arm of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. ~ **Robert Michael Coelho** is the lead



deputy county counsel for the County of Santa Clara's 11-attorney litigation team. He continues to litigate labor and employment cases and to advise County departments regarding labor and employment law issues. Robert is the co-chair of the Santa Clara County Bar Association's Judiciary Committee and serves on the board of directors for the San Jose Police Foundation, the San Jose Arena Authority and the San Jose Sports Hall of Fame.

The PMI Group promoted **William (Bill) Levinthal** to deputy general counsel within PMI's legal department. Bill joined PMI's legal department in 2003 as senior counsel. In 2006, he was promoted to vice president and



William Levinthal '91

assistant general counsel. ~ **James Driscoll** is a sole practitioner in San Francisco. He continues to represent tenants and do general civil litigation. ~ **Ruth V. Glick** was elected secretary of the Dispute Resolution Section of the American Bar Association. She is a mediator and arbitrator of commercial and employment disputes in the Bay Area. ~ **Theresa Muley** handles real estate fraud litigation and elder financial abuse litigation through Muley Law, her practice based in Dublin, Calif. She has two wonderful children: April (15) and Benjamin (6). In addition to practicing law, she coaches Little League, participates in Cub Scouts and is taking classes at Academy of Art University. At the 2010 State Bar convention art



Ruth V. Glick '91



Theresa Muley '91, with her children, Benjamin and April

show, she won first place in the oil painting division and second place in the portrait division.

**Shawn Joost** became executive director of Educate Tomorrow in March 2010 after four years as a volunteer and board member. She is working closely with the startup team by providing valuable community resources and knowledge. Shawn and her team are developing a comprehensive program for the youth who will enroll in the SEED School and a plan for those who apply but are not selected due to capacity issues. She looks forward to transforming the lives of foster youth by guiding them on the path

of higher education. ~ Strategies 360 is expanding its Anchorage office with the leadership of former state lawmaker **Ethan Berkowitz**. As senior vice president, Ethan brings an extensive and distinguished background in the public and private sectors to S360. He will focus on expanding operations, providing high-quality services and offering his strong strategic counsel.

~ **Robert Stellwagen Jr.** is a litigation partner with Collins, Collins, Muir and Stewart in South Pasadena and Orange, representing design, construction and real estate professionals and lawyers. ~ **Adam Warshaw** operates a solo practice in Burbank, specializing in business and real estate matters.



## Representing Chi-town's Underserved

**Lisa Parsons '88** writes: "I work for Health and Disability Advocates (HDA) in Chicago, a nonprofit organization that uses multiple strategies to improve health-care access and to promote housing and income security for children, people with disabilities and low-income, older adults. Since 2007 I have directed HDA's SSI Homeless Outreach Project, providing legal representation and advocacy to persons who are chronically homeless and mentally ill to secure disability benefits, medical care and housing. My experience with the General Assistance Advocacy Project while a student at UC Hastings both inspired and prepared me for my legal career that has centered on representing homeless and low-income persons. I couldn't ask for a more rewarding professional life."

He is the editor and writer of *America's Great Boxing Cards*, an encyclopedia of boxing cards that is about to have its seventh edition released.

**Todd Spitzer**, a former California State assemblyman, county supervisor and assistant district attorney in Orange County, is a longtime victims' rights advocate. He is the current adviser to Marsy's Law for All, the organization formed after the 2008 passage of the California constitutional amendment that is the nation's most comprehensive Victims' Bill of Rights. Todd was the campaign manager and lead spokesperson for the measure. ~ **Brian Zagon** is in his 13th year as a

shareholder at Hunsucker Goodstein & Nelson, where he handles complex environmental litigation cases, insurance coverage disputes for policyholders and securities arbitrations. Brian is currently president of the firm.

Dallas Energy Group has named **Donald G. Ezzell** as president and CEO. He will oversee operations from the company's Los Angeles and Dallas offices. Donald joins Dallas Energy after three years as executive vice president for Heckmann Corporation, where he developed the firm's domestic asset portfolio and headed the growth and acquisitions group. Working closely with Chairman Dick Heckmann, Donald helped

launch and grow the NYSE listed company into a leadership position. ~ BuckleySandler added **Jay Laifman** as counsel in its

Los Angeles office. Clinton Rockwell, managing partner of BuckleySandler's Los Angeles office, remarked that the firm,



Todd Spitzer '89



with the addition of Jay, “now has one of the largest concentrations of attorneys in one firm who offer regulatory and corporate experience to California’s consumer financial services industry.” Rockwell said Jay “was a natural fit” to join the firm “due to his extensive residential mortgage counseling experience developed during his tenure at Countrywide Home Loans.” Jay’s practice focuses on representing residential and commercial lenders in regulatory and compliance matters with an emphasis on the financial reform laws stemming from the Dodd-Frank Act, according to a release from his firm. ~ Affordable-housing attorney **Gary Downs** joins the international law firm of Nixon Peabody as partner. Gary will be based in the San Francisco office and will work within the firm’s regulatory and real estate department.

The hiring of **Rebecca Isaacs** as the new executive director of the Equality Federation is a homecoming of sorts. Rebecca first worked with the federation of state

LGBT organizations in 1997 as political director at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. Now the federation is its own entity, and Rebecca officially took over leadership of the organization in January. One of her first duties was to represent the Equality Federation at the task force’s National Conference on LGBT Equality: Creating Change. ~ King & Spalding welcomed **Nicholas D. Kayhan** to its 14-member team of trial lawyers in its West Coast litigation practice. Nicholas is a litigator with extensive experience in a wide variety of civil litigation matters. His primary focus is defense of toxic tort and environmental claims. He has worked with petrochemical clients in the defense of environmental, personal injury and property damage claims involving a variety of chemicals, substances and products. He also has handled general personal injury and business litigation. ~ **Wendy D. Whitson** is a managing director of the law firm of Anderson, Zeigler, Disharoon, Gallagher & Gray. Her practice areas include commercial and



Lane Finch '87

high-end residential real estate sales and leasing transactions, real estate loan workouts, real property development, and real property portfolio management. ~ **Lane Finch** is now a member of Hand Arendall in Birmingham, Ala., where he practices insurance coverage and third-party defense. He is active in DRI’s Insurance Law Committee and will be speaking on catastrophe coverage at its Insurance Coverage and Claims Institute in Chicago. ~ **Philip Hayes** is Western Region fiduciary counsel and managing director at Bessemer Trust in San Francisco. Phil lives in Oakland with his wife, Danielle, and three daughters.

Linktone’s board has appointed **Billy Hsieh** as an independent director and member of the audit committee. ~ International law firm Nixon Peabody is pleased to announce that **Allan E. Low** has been elected to serve on the board of directors of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area for the 2011–2012 year.

Former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently appointed **Elizabeth Ufkes Olivera** to a judgeship at the Colusa County Superior Court.

Gordon & Rees has selected **David Capell** to serve as the managing partner of the San Francisco office. David will continue to serve as the chair of the firm’s national insurance group. ~ **Susan Hedgpeth** is still working at UC Berkeley Career Center (15 years now) as the Web coordinator. She never practiced law, but became interested in computers and technology, which turned into a career. Susan helped create a cohousing community where she’s been living

happily since 2001. She is loosely in touch with Sarah B., Cydney B. and Kathie G. via Facebook. She says, "The years at UC Hastings seem very, very long ago."

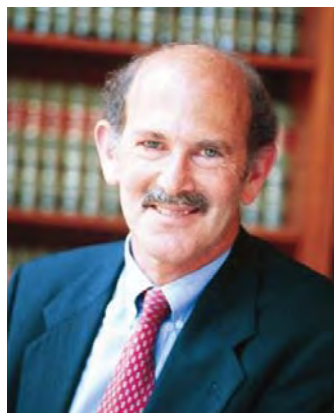
Former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently appointed **Brad R. Hill** as presiding justice for the Fifth District Court of Appeal. ~ **Everett S. Kaneshige** was appointed deputy for the Department for Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) by Gov. Neil Abercrombie of Hawaii. Everett has been involved in Hawaii's real estate and technology industries for more than 20 years as an attorney, businessman and entrepreneur. ~ **Steven Choi** is the founder and CEO of LawLink, the first social network exclusively



Steven Choi '83

for attorneys, which now has over 10,000 members nationwide. LawLink operates GroupESQ.com, the first group buying site for attorneys, and AttyEvents.com, the first site for providing complete end-to-end management for events for attorneys. ~ **Steve Ransohoff** owns and runs Film Finances, an entertainment company. Steve has worked with the Vassar Career Development Office for the past six years, arranging for many students to work in the film industry all over the world.

After 16 years as a name partner in Dubia, Erickson & Tenerelli, **David Erickson** returned to big-firm practice as a partner in the Orange County office of Dallas-based Haynes & Boone, heading the business litigation department. ~ **Karl Olson** is a partner at the San Francisco law firm of Ram, Olson, Cereghino and Kopczynski. He specializes in representing newspapers and other media in Public Records Act cases, libel cases and other matters. Karl represented the Contra Costa Newspaper Group in the 2007 California Supreme Court



Karl Olson '82

case holding that the public and press have a right to know the salaries of named public employees, and he has handled three cases involving the issue of whether the public has a right to know the pension amounts of named county employees. ~ The Hawaii State Board of Education named **Kathryn Matayoshi** as the new superintendent for the Hawaii State Department of Education. As superintendent, Kathryn has responsibility over the nation's tenth-largest public school system and the only statewide district. ~ **Michael Ornstil** recently completed his 16th year as a mediator with JAMS in San Francisco. Michael is one of the founding members of JAMS and has served on its board of directors for the past six years. Michael has coached various traveling soccer



Larry Levine '81

teams for the past 10 years, and he just finished his term as president of the Bay Oaks Soccer Club based in the East Bay. He has been married to Barrie for 26 years.

**Larry Levine** was honored on February 25, 2011, for his 25 years of teaching at the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law. The honor was bestowed at the annual Jeffrey K. Poilé LGBT Civil Rights Memorial Scholarship Reception honoring this year's scholarship recipients, as well as friends and alumni who support the scholarship. Established in 2002 by Professor Levine to honor his life partner, the Poilé Scholarship has helped 36 extraordinary students use their legal education to further the civil rights of



the LGBT community. The scholarship fund has raised over \$300,000, and Pacific McGeorge is proud to be one of a handful of law schools with a scholarship earmarked for the betterment of the LGBT community. Larry wrote, “I was delighted that my UC Hastings classmates—Danny Martinez and Don Ayoob and Professor John Diamond and his wife Lucia (also an alum)—were in attendance.” ~ **Debra Bogaards** and Brian Davis have opened their own law firm, Bogaards Davis. The firm will focus on civil litigation in the areas of catastrophic injury, wrongful death and elder abuse, as well as complex business, insurance, and real estate litigation. Debra was formerly managing partner of Pave & Bogaards for the past 17 years. Debra is also in her third year as trustee of the UC Hastings Foundation. ~ Former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Adjunct Professor **Donald J. Ayoob** to the San Mateo County Superior Court, effective Dec. 3, 2010. ~ Littler Mendelson, the nation’s largest employment and labor law firm representing management, is pleased to announce that

## IN MEMORIAM

### ALUMNI

**Albert “Robert” Rhoan ’03** recently passed away. He had a Native American law practice at Fredericks Peebles, which he joined in 2009, and was affiliated with the Choinumni/Creek tribe. Prior to joining the firm, he worked at Bingham McCutchen and McCormick Barstow as a commercial litigator. He also served as a judicial extern to Hon. Carlos R. Moreno of the California Supreme Court and worked as a law clerk at California Indian Legal Services.

**William R. “Bob” Holcomb ’50**, mayor of San Bernardino, passed away on Nov. 29, 2010. The longest serving mayor in San Bernardino’s history, Bob held City Hall’s top post from 1971 to 1985 and again from 1989 to 1993. During his 18 years in office, he fought to maintain the independence of San Bernardino’s water supply. The son of another former mayor, Grant Holcomb, Bob was born in 1922. He left his studies at UC Berkeley in 1942 to join the U.S. Army; during his World War II service, he was stationed in England and flew bombing missions in a B-17 campaign. After the war, Bob married Pearl “Penny” Pennington and returned to UC Berkeley, graduating in 1949.

**Mamoru Sakuma ’49** passed away on Jan. 29, 2011, at the age of 92. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Hisako Sakuma. He is survived by a son from a former marriage, Drew Sakuma of Danville, and a sister, Tonayo Sakuma of San Francisco. Mamoru graduated from UC Berkeley in 1940 and served overseas with the 442 (Nisei “Go For Broke” regimental combat team). After graduating from UC Hastings in 1949, he moved to Sacramento and established himself as a respected trial lawyer. In 1964, he was elected to the Sacramento Superior Court and served as a judge for 22 years. In 1985 he returned to private practice and went back to his first love—trying jury cases.

### FACULTY

**Barbara Caulfield** died in November 2010 at the age of 62. Barbara was one of the leading intellectual property litigation lawyers for pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies in the country. She had been a managing partner of Dewey & LeBoeuf and co-chair of its global life sciences industry sector and its intellectual property litigation practice group. In addition, she had been a partner at the firm of Latham & Watkins, and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, and most recently, at Kaye Scholer. From 1991 to 1994, she served as a U.S. district judge in San Francisco. In addition to teaching at UC Hastings, she served as a law professor at Northwestern University and the University of Oregon, and she directed a trial advocacy program at Harvard.



Abby Leibman '81

**Jennifer Walt** will succeed Richard Hill as managing shareholder for the San Francisco office. ~ As of March 1, **Abby Leibman** has been the president and CEO of MAZON, a Jewish Response to Hunger. MAZON is a national organization dedicated to preventing and alleviating hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds.

Former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed **Peter K. Ottenweller** to a judgeship at the Sonoma County Superior Court. ~ **Michael K. Tanigawa** was appointed to the District Court of the First Circuit by Hawaii Chief Justice Ronald T. Y. Moon on August 26, 2010. He had been a staff attorney with the Intermediate Court of Appeals since 2008. ~

The governor announced the appointment of San Francisco attorney **David Crane** as his chief public employee pension critic to the University of California board of regents. David, a Democrat, has served as special adviser to the governor for jobs and economic growth since 2004 and has been a board member of the California High Speed Rail Authority and the Commission on Economic Development since 2007. ~ Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton has named **Paul Haughey** as managing partner of the firm's San Francisco office. Paul counsels clients in intellectual property strategy, primarily in the patent area.

Derycz Scientific expanded board membership from three to five and appointed **Scott Ogilvie** to a newly created board position. Scott is founder and president of AFIN International, and formerly CEO of Gulf Enterprises International. ~ **F. Stephen Collins** was appointed to serve as a new District Court judge in the 18th Judicial District, which serves Arapahoe, Douglas, Elbert



Elaine Rushing '79

and Lincoln counties in Colorado (all of which are suburbs of Denver, where he has practiced since 1980). Before his appointment, which was effective February 1, 2011, he was a shareholder at Ducker, Montgomery, Lewis & Bess, where he specialized in commercial litigation. He looks forward to having his wife, Diane, stand up every time he comes into a room. ~ JAMS has added **Elaine Rushing** to its panel. Elaine, who is based in both the Santa Rosa and San Francisco resolution centers, specializes as a mediator, arbitrator and discovery master for disputes in a variety of areas including agribusiness, business/commercial, construction, employment, real property and trusts/estates/probate. ~ Morgan Miller Blair

in Walnut Creek has promoted **Terence Church** to partner. Terence is vice chair of the firm's business and technology group. ~ **John T. Komeiji** is senior vice president and general counsel at Hawaiian Telcom. His private practice focused primarily on the litigation of complex commercial, personal injury and professional liability matters. ~ **Thomas Anthony Banducci** has been practicing law in Boise, Idaho, since 1979 and has recently started his own firm, Banducci Woodard Schwartzman, specializing in complex commercial litigation. He recently won a \$4 million jury verdict in an FHA action. Tom will be teaching law at Belarusian State University in Minsk, Belarus, this spring as a visiting professor for the Center for International Legal Studies. ~ After 27 years, **Mark Steiner** has moved his trademark, copyright and anti-counterfeiting practice to Duane Morris, where he is a partner in the San Francisco office. "Nice people and wonderful clients!" ~ **Rosalind D. Wolf** has retired after 25 years as staff counsel for the California Teachers





Thomas Anthony Banducci '79

Association (CTA) in Los Angeles, where she did mostly labor and education law. "And I am LOVING it!" she says.

Former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently appointed **Donald R. Franson Jr.** as an associate justice for the Fifth District Court of Appeal. ~ **Kelly Francisco** has accepted an of counsel position in Young Wooldridge's business department. Kelly's work has focused on advising business clients, preparing contracts and associated civil litigation. ~ **Elizabeth England**, a partner of Morris Polich & Purdy, has been named chair of the litigation section of the State Bar of California. Elizabeth has served as secretary, treasurer and vice chair of the section over the

three years immediately preceding her recent election by the section's 15-member executive committee, of which she has been a member since 2004. ~ **Harris E. Tulchin** is founder and chairman of Harris Tulchin & Associates, with affiliated offices worldwide. He has specialized in entertainment production, finance, and distribution, communications and multimedia law since 1978. ~ **William M. Richardson** is a partner in Hunton & Williams. His practice focuses on federal income tax law, with emphasis on corporate acquisitions and reorganizations, financings and controversy proceedings. ~ **Marc D. Garfinkle** recently exhibited his CLE programs at the semi-annual meeting of the



Elizabeth England '78

Association for Continued Legal Education. In February, he taught trial skills to lawyers in the Department of Homeland Security. In April, he addressed the Ohio Bar in Columbus about "The Care and Feeding of Clients." ~ After selling his successful personal injury law firm in Beverly Hills, and after obtaining an MA in philosophy and then doing PhD work at UC Irvine, **Randall Firestone** has become a full-time philosophy professor at El Camino College in Torrance.

**Charles M. Sink** is a partner at Farella Braun + Martel in San Francisco. He is part of its construction practice group and former chair of its complex litigation department. Charles is a member of the American Bar Association's forum on the construction industry and is the editor of its quarterly, the *Construction Lawyer*.

**Michael Bradley**, managing director and founding member of Murphy, Pearson, Bradley & Feeney, has been elected



Randall Firestone '78

president of the San Francisco chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (ABOTA). ~ In March, 2010, **Ann Veneman** gave the Rhoda Goldman Distinguished Lecture in Health Policy: "Addressing Global Health: A Key Priority for Development" at UC Berkeley. Improving child and maternal health will help break the vicious cycle of poverty and empower families, communities and countries. As UNICEF



Michael Bradley '76



Ann Veneman '76

Executive Director, Ann oversees 10,000 staff in 150 countries. ~ Elected as 2011 President of the San Francisco chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, **Michael Bradley** is also a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is the managing director of Murphy, Pearson, Bradley

& Feeney with offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Sacramento.

~ **John Haines O'Reilly** was honored by the Bar Association of San Francisco for having produced and paneled dozens of well-attended and favorably reviewed real estate seminars during his 18 years as chair of its real estate section. He continues to specialize in real estate litigation.

**Mark J. Meltzer** joined Intuitive Surgical in December 2007 as senior vice president, general counsel. Prior to joining Intuitive, he served as general counsel of FoxHollow

Technologies. A registered patent attorney, Mark was appointed as a special master in federal court where he assisted in the evaluation and administration of complex patent cases. He has tried cases to juries and has argued before the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. His *pro bono* work has included the representation of indigents and non-profits before courts and administrative agencies, as well as volunteer service in federal antipoverty programs.

Justice **Michael L. Douglas** is the new chief justice of the Nevada Supreme Court, taking over the

leadership role at a critical time. Michael, the first African-American justice in Nevada's history, was appointed to the Court in March 2004, and thereafter twice elected.

~ **John H. Feldmann** continues to practice labor and employment law, the last 12 years as a sole proprietor working out of his home in Marin. He and his wife, Marlys, have recently downsized and are enjoying the freedom. They just spent two weeks in Japan with their daughter, Lauri, who graduated from Columbia University and is working for the New York Federal Reserve and taking the LSAT. ~ **Charles Joseph McClain** published two recent articles: "California Carpetbagger: the Career of Henry Dibble" in *Quinnipiac Law Review*, and "Oscar Shuck's 1901 Bench and Bar of



John Haines O'Reilly '76



Justice Michael L. Douglas '74



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**Cynthia Mertens** has been teaching at Santa Clara University Law School for the past 35-plus years and thoroughly enjoys her students. She just returned home in January from her fifth trip to El Salvador, where she and 20 law students studied human rights and social justice issues. She says, "The trip was life changing." (The photo below is with a child in El Salvador.) She also serves as the associate dean for academic affairs. Cynthia is married with three grown children. ~ In November, **Byron M. Rabin** was inducted into the Orange Country Trial Lawyers Association's Hall of Fame for his nearly three decades as a distinguished attorney in Southern California. He is also a member of the International Association of Mediators, which consists



Cynthia Mertens '72



Bob Sakai '74 was named Business Person of the Year by the Hayward Chamber of Commerce.

California: A Review Essay," in *California Legal History*. ~ The Hayward Chamber of Commerce announced the selection of longtime local attorney and community activist **Bob Sakai** as Business Person of the Year. Bob was honored by the Chamber at its annual gala celebration on Jan. 22. ~

King & Spalding continued its focused growth with the announcement of the addition of a 14-member team of trial lawyers from Filice Brown Eassa & McLeod to its West Coast litigation practice. The team includes partner **Gennero A. (Gus) Filice**. Gus, a founding partner of his former firm,

brings to King & Spalding considerable experience as a trial and appellate lawyer. ~ JAMS has added **James Ardaiz** to its panel. James, who will hear cases in Fresno and throughout California, specializes as a mediator, arbitrator and discovery master for disputes in a variety of areas including business/commercial, environmental, employment, personal injury and property disputes. ~ **Gerard Francis** serves as *pro bono* general counsel for CreaTVSanJose and as member and foreperson pro tem of the Santa Clara County Civil Grand Jury.

### Your Class Notes

Please let us know your latest news or information you may have about fellow alumni. You can submit your class notes and photographs (300 dpi) online at [magazine.uchastings.edu/notes](http://magazine.uchastings.edu/notes). Alternatively, you can mail your class notes to Communications, UC Hastings College of the Law, 200 McAllister Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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**Jay E. Grenig** is a professor of law at Marquette University Law School. He is a former member of the Wisconsin Judicial Council and is a reporter for the Local Rules Committee of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. ~ An environmental attorney, **James Arnold** is listed in *Who's Who Legal: International Law*. He is continuing work in leadership of ABA Section of Environment, Energy & Resources—three decades plus of environmental law—and “still having fun.” ~ **Steven Chase** was awarded the Dennis L. Woodman Memorial Award for 2010 “in recognition of the Private



Jay E. Grenig '71

Defender who heedless of opposition and with ceaseless determination fights for those whose liberty or lives are in peril.” The award is given by the San Mateo County Office of the Private Defender.

Justice **Richard J. McAdams** of the Sixth District Court of Appeal, retired on Feb. 28, the day after his 67th birthday. Richard began his judicial



James Arnold '71

career in 1977 with an appointment to the old Santa Cruz Municipal Court by then-Gov. Jerry Brown. He remarked that he never expected Brown to be the one to appoint his successor now. He served as presiding judge of the Municipal Court in 1980, 1984, 1987 and 1990 before being elected to the Santa Cruz Superior Court in 1998, and then elevated to the appellate court in 2003.

Senator **Dick Ackerman** currently practices law at Nossaman in Orange County, where he is a partner in the firm and focuses on regulatory issues facing clients across multiple industries. From 2000 to 2008, he served as a California State Senator for the 33rd District, representing inland Orange County.

**William Gibbs** is essentially retired from the law. He is on the board of directors of a new winery, Rock Wall Wine Company, in Alameda. It is the newest venture of the Rosenblum family, with Kent and Shauna making the wine, and Roger and Kathy helping run the business. “The tasting room looks out at San Francisco and the Bay. Making wine

### Ventura County Judge of the Year

Superior Court Judge **Frederick H. Bysshe '64** was honored as Judge of the Year by the Ventura County Trial Lawyers Association on March 23. The award recognized exceptional judicial performance balanced with courtesy and compassion toward litigants and attorneys in the courtroom. Appointed to the Ventura Superior Court bench by former Gov. Gray Davis in December 2000, Judge Bysshe brought 38 years of legal experience to the court, including seven years with the Riverside County District Attorney's office and an extensive background in civil law. Now in his 10th year on the bench, Judge Bysshe continues to handle civil trials and overflow criminal cases.





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Kolesar & Leatham, a Las Vegas-based business law firm, announced that former Nevada Gov.

**Robert List** has joined the firm as a senior partner.

At Kolesar & Leatham, Robert will continue his work in public policy and government relations for corporate clients on the federal, state and local level, with particular emphasis on energy and natural resources.

Attorney and Belvedere resident **Ronald Rouda** was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Board of Trial Advocates. Ronald was honored at the organization's national board of directors meeting in New Orleans on Jan. 15. He is a former president of the national group. Ronald is the senior partner at Rouda, Feder, Tietien & McGuinn in San Francisco. He has been an active member of the invitation-only American Board of

## Jazz Chops and Cowboy Chaps

**Myron "Doc" Etienne Jr. '52** began his career in 1953 as a deputy district attorney in Monterey County. He has gained a distinguished record for his advocacy work in the trial and appellate courts of California and has earned an "AV" peer rating from Martindale-Hubbell. He has served for many years on the board of the Salinas Rodeo, including three terms as president and has also dedicated 51 years of service to the board of the Monterey Jazz Festival as a director and past president. Doc has long been dedicated to the development of jazz education programs for musically talented youth and has accompanied the Monterey Jazz All-Star High School Band on four trips to Japan.

Trial Advocates since 1976, and in 1998 he led the effort to launch the group's "Justice by the People" program, which provides students with hands-on trial experience.

**Robert E. Carlson**, a longtime member of the national board of directors at The Trust for Public Land, has been given TPL's Si and June Foote Award for Continuing Volunteer Service. Robert recently retired as a partner of the Los Angeles office of Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker after 50 years of legal practice. As a member of TPL's national board, he chaired the audit committee for 15 years. In addition to presenting the award, TPL also created the Robert E. Carlson Internship Fund to support

an intern in TPL's Los Angeles office. The fund has already raised \$30,000 to support its mission.

**Bruce Geernaert** says, "Hi to the Class of '53 and to the Noe St. study group, if there are any left. We had fun and did well, which led to a good life." He is almost completely retired, but still does "some mediations and lots of interesting stuff."



Bill Raggio '51

He can be reached at [bgeernaert@aol.com](mailto:bgeernaert@aol.com).

In 1972, **Bill Raggio** entered the race for the Nevada Senate. Washoe County voters were to select two senators from a field of four candidates, including incumbent Cliff Young and former state senators Jim Bailey and James Slattery. The rest is, of course, history as Bill found the legislature, its processes and personalities to be a comfortable fit for the next 38 years. Through the years, he worked on thousands of bills and helped write the legislative history of the state.

# Sam Fernandez '80

► Senior Vice President & General Counsel, LA Dodgers

## **How did UC Hastings contribute to your career path?**

Professor Gail Bird did such a terrific job in teaching trusts and estates that I developed a real interest in that area. So when I joined Latham & Watkins as a first-year associate, I took on a few assignments with Dick Kimbrough in estate planning. At that time, Dick represented the O'Malley and Seidler families, the owners of the Dodgers. When Peter O'Malley asked the firm to "loan" the Dodgers a lawyer, Dick recommended me—and that's how Professor Bird's class led to my becoming general counsel for the team for the past 27 years.

## **What are the most pressing issues you face in your work?**

One of the great things about being here so long is that the issues change constantly. So many things have changed—from free agency to broadcasting to the impact of technology. Every day brings something new. It's been a fascinating 27 years, from the perspective of the industry.

## **Can you describe the nature of negotiating and drafting player contracts?**

Most parties in a negotiation know what they want to accomplish if things go well. Our job as lawyers is to anticipate the things

that may go wrong and address them before they arise. In drafting contracts, my objectives are to specify the minimum performance standard required of my client—one can always over-perform as a matter of good client relations—and to obtain the maximum protection for my client. Also, no matter how many contracts you've drafted, you should try to improve on the next one. One thing that's been proven time and again is that no one has ever drafted the perfect contract. We are always learning.

## **What advice would you give students in terms of career preparation?**

Remain open to whatever opportunities come along, even if they don't fit with your preconceived notions of what you intend to do. Also, don't narrow your studies so much that you miss the opportunity to learn something that may be new, because you never know what may turn out to be valuable to you as a lawyer.

## **What are your favorite pastimes?**

I love to read and to play guitar. I'm a huge Hemingway fan, and I love mysteries and sci-fi. But I go through phases. Now, I'm focusing on philosophy or fiction that deals with philosophical themes.

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## STUDENTS GET A LEG UP ON THE BUSINESS OF LAW

One of the Office of Career & Professional Development's accomplishments in the past two years was the creation of a series of programs about the business of practicing law.

Until now, most law schools have emphasized theoretical and academic education. But now, more than ever before, many in the legal profession are calling for a change in pedagogy to emphasize practical training. Many law firms are not willing to train new lawyers; instead, employers want lawyers who come in with practical experience and can add value from the start.

"This series is a response to the changing legal landscape," says **Sari Zimmerman**, assistant dean for the Office of Career & Professional Development. "We are seeing that practices are not willing to absorb the costs of associate training. So



From left: UC Hastings' **Sari Zimmerman**, Bay Area Legal Aid attorney **Stephen Bingham**, **Jill Feldman '86**, **Shannon Mo '09** and **Marke Poole '98** attended a recent *Business of Law* program.

we are trying to respond to that call to change."

In 2009–2010, the Career Office offered two programs, Law Firm Economics 101 and Business Development for Students. For the first, it collaborated with Trent Norris, managing partner at Arnold and Porter's San Francisco office, who spoke on how understanding the business realities of legal practice can help students land and succeed at a job.

For Business Development for Students, the Career Office brought in a panel of experts. "Attorneys cultivate relationships with clients in many of the same ways that students cultivate relationships with prospective employers," Zimmerman says, addressing the event's theme.

In 2010–2011, the Career Office increased the series to four programs. It added How to Use Social Media to Develop Your Professional Reputation, presented by Doug Mandell, general counsel for LinkedIn. The second addition, The Habits of Highly Effective Lawyers, covered work-flow issues, project management and navigating office politics.

"The fact that the series is co-sponsored by both the Academic Dean's Office and the Associated Students of UC Hastings highlights the demand for the importance of these topics," says Zimmerman.

Moving forward, the Career Office plans to offer at least four programs a year about the business of law.



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